

**ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY GCE  
RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

New Testament 1

**WEDNESDAY 16 JANUARY 2008**

**2764**

Morning  
Time: 1 hour

**Additional materials:** Answer Booklet (8 pages)



**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided.
- If you use extra sheets of paper, fasten the sheets to the answer booklet.
- Answer **two** questions, one from each part. Answer questions from **one** alternative.
- Do **not** answer two questions from the same part.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

- The number of marks for each question is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.
- The quality of your written communication will be taken into account.

This document consists of **4** printed pages.

Answer questions from **one** alternative only.

### Alternative A – The Early Church

Answer **two** questions, **one** from Part 1 and **one** from Part 2.

#### Part 1

Answer **one** question from this part.

- 1 (a) Explain how Paul's Jewish background caused problems when he began preaching Christianity. [33]
- (b) 'Paul's only interest was in converting non-Jews to Christianity.' Discuss. [17]
- 2 (a) Explain why it might be said that the early followers of Jesus were practising Jews as well as Christians. [33]
- (b) 'The Early Church was just a group within Judaism.' Discuss. [17]
- 3 (a) Describe and explain the significant features of one encounter between Paul and a Roman official. [33]
- (b) 'The purpose of Acts was to make Christianity acceptable to Romans.' Discuss. [17]

#### Part 2

Answer **one** question from this part.

- 4 (a) 'You Israelites, and others who fear God, listen.' Acts 13:16.  
Explain how Paul, in his speech at Antioch, developed ideas from the Old Testament to explain the good news about Jesus. [33]
- (b) 'At Antioch, Jewish anger against Paul was justified.' Discuss. [17]
- 5 (a) 'We sat down and spoke to the women who were gathered there.' Acts 16:13.  
Explain why the conversion of Lydia at Philippi is an important event in Acts. [33]
- (b) 'The identity of the author of Acts is not important.' Discuss. [17]
- 6 (a) Explain the importance for Paul's mission of his stay in Ephesus. [33]
- (b) Which of the events at Ephesus was the most important one for the success of Paul's mission? [17]

Answer questions from **one** alternative only.

### Alternative B – The Gospels

Answer **two** questions, **one** from Part 1 and **one** from Part 2.

#### Part 1

Answer **one** question from this part.

- 7 (a) Compare the accounts of the arrest of Jesus in the gospels of Mark and John. [33]  
 (b) 'According to the gospel accounts, Jesus expected his arrest but not his death.' Discuss. [17]
- 8 (a) Explain why Jesus had more than one trial. [33]  
 (b) 'Jesus was killed for purely religious reasons.' Discuss. [17]
- 9 (a) Explain the problems raised by the different endings of Mark's gospel. [33]  
 (b) 'It would have been better to leave the gospel with the shorter ending (Mark 16:1-8).' Discuss. [17]

#### Part 2

Answer **one** question from this part.

- 10 (a) Explain why the Passover was an important event in the Passion narratives. [33]  
 (b) 'It is important for Christian teaching that Jesus was killed during Passover.' Discuss. [17]
- 11 (a) Explain the issues connected with the ending of John's gospel (John 21). [33]  
 (b) 'The last chapter of John's gospel is the least important one.' Discuss. [17]
- 12 (a) From John's gospel, explain the significance of the presence of the Beloved Disciple at the empty tomb and by Lake Tiberias. [33]  
 (b) 'The Beloved Disciple was the only disciple who understood the resurrection.' Discuss. [17]

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